



Rare visit

Feinstein, Alioto politick on Hill

Mayoral hopefuls Dianne Feinstein, president of the Board of Supervisors, and Joe Alioto, the incumbent, addressed a modest crowd at last Wednesday's Residents' Council meeting.

Ms. Feinstein fielded questions from Hill residents after a routine campaign statement. She named three campaign issues "on the Hill": safety and drugs, public transportation to downtown areas and waterfront planning. She spoke against the present administrations's

Hill boycott school opens for 52 pupils

Patrick Henry Parents Against School Board Bussing opened its boycott school at Slovenian Hall with 52 children on September 22.

In conditions reminiscent of the old one room school, the children had instruction in a hall with one grade to a table, and kindergarten through sixth grade in the same room.

The lack of space and high rent for the hall has caused organizers to seek space elsewhere, including the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

Ms. Shirley Dorsey who heads the boycott school, indicated that they are filing a private school affidavit with the State Department of Education. Attendance forms have been provided by the local Board of Education.

Eight parents are now providing the instruction in the makeshift school on a volunteer basis. None are accredited teachers.

The school is predominantly white, with only a few latino or oriental and no black pupils, in contrast to nearby Patrick Henry which reflects the cosmopolitan (Continued on back page.)

"dedication to highrise development", and "the decertification of redevelopment programs." She also mentioned renters' problems, specifically the return of "damage deposits."

Most of her solutions were connected with a "new planning commission," supposedly with wider and better distributed powers than the present commission.

She also proposed to go out and "put the finger on drug traffickers, pushers and furnishers" herself.

This would be very difficult to visualize.

Ms. Feinstein was followed by Mayor Alioto, who opened with a fast-talking promise not to make any speeches, since "so far there are no issues in this campaign." He promised that his opponents would wage their respective campaigns from the gutter.

In answering the first question from the floor, he denounced candidate Scott Newhall's recent attempt to discredit the Alioto campaign as "inherently improbable (and)... too ridiculous to dignify by comment."

Perhaps more relevantly, he attempted to pass the buck concerning Hill resident Ruth Wellington's question about the Food Surplus Program to the Federal government.

(Candidate Feinstein had (Continued on back page.)



Mayoral candidates answer residents' questions.

Commission orders waterfront access

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), assured increased public access to the Potrero waterfront when it voted last month to permit the San Francisco Port Commission to fill 14 acres south of Islais Creek.

The Bay fill permit, which covers the Port's plans for a container facility at Pier 94, requires public access at Central Basin and Islais Creek.

At Central Basin the BCDC called for the development of "approximately two acres" of shoreline with facilities for docking, sunbathing, fishing and observation, as well as a restaurant.

Freeze clogs city sewer charge plans

A sewer service charge that was to appear on October 1 water bills was recently ruled inflationary by the Cost of Living Council. The CLC, whose job it is to enforce President Nixon's wage-price freeze, left the city with budget problems since it passed down its ruling on September 27.

The money that would be obtained from the charge was to go primarily to new sewer treatment systems. (Continued on back page.)

Mental health muddle

After long and heated discussion, the Mission Mental Health interim community advisory board finally adopted a stringent and controversial battery of requirements for candidates seeking seats on the permanent advisory board to be elected this fall. The vote was 7 to 5.

As the requirements stand, candidates will be required to be citizens, registered voters, residents of their team area for at least one year, and "of good moral character."

When board members opposed the inclusion of the "good character" clause, Mr. Frank Crotty, who originally proposed the motion, said that he would accept definitions from Webster's Dictionary.

Dr. David Shupp, director of Mission Mental Health, pointed out that no such requirement exists for his staff. The discussion on that point ended when Mr. Crotty could not produce a copy of the dictionary.

Other members of the board objected to the citizenship requirement which would exclude many residents of the Mission who are recent immigrants. They also charged that the provisions were discriminatory and "could well alienate the people whom the board and the Mental Health program are designed to serve."

Objections that a two-thirds vote is necessary to carry a motion were overruled by the chair. After board member Charles Peterson moved that the proposal be accepted or rejected as a whole, the requirements passed, seven to five.

One member of the audience commented that "Jesus Christ himself couldn't satisfy the requirements of this board."

Neighborhood House continues operation

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House will continue its limited operation through the remainder of 1971.

The facility has been maintained and operated by volunteers since the end of August when the board of directors discovered there were no funds for hiring a staff.

Kelly Collins heads a group of eight conscientious objectors who have been key to the House's continued operation.

According to Collins, the following programs are continuing: Real Alternatives Program (RAP);

Julian Theatre/Grassroot Experience; Headstart/Family School; Music for Youth; Africanos Club; Surplus Food Program; Community Darkroom; Chess Club; Boy Scouts.

Collins expects that money will be found for Suzanne Glazier's children's art class which has yet to resume. The popular class draws many youngsters to the House.

"We'd love to have the kids come back," Collins said, "and we'll be ready with lots of activities." (Continued on back page.)



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How we see it

Sad alternative

The Mob

Having visited the "boycott school" organized by parents of former Patrick Henry students, we question the reasoning of those parents who have refused to let their children attend the City's elementary schools.

The slogan "quality education, not bussing" rings pretty hollow at the sight of six harried mothers trying to teach 60 youngsters their ABC's. The noise level in the Slavonian Hall was matched only by that of the freeway which runs right past the little park at 18th and Utah Streets, where the children have brief recesses.

Alternative schools which have been well planned and which seek to provide children a better opportunity for learning are worthy and needed enterprises. But we think it is a disservice to children to crowd them into a hall at the last minute with inexperienced instructors and out-of-date textbooks and call it a school.

What disturbs us most, however, is the racial composition of the "boycott school." It is all white, with only a few Oriental and Latino children and no black.

Are the boycotters really interested in quality education or just in maintaining segregated schools in San Francisco?

More disquieting than the state of their school is the tone and content of a leaflet distributed by the school organizers which announced the school's opening.

The leaflet promotes the boycott and the school with absurd exaggerations which belie a paranoia of John Birch Society proportions. We quote:

"Maybe we'll eventually have our children home on weekends only, maybe for the Christmas holiday season, and finally they may be taken from us in the hospital delivery room and put in community centers so we can be put into work camps."

The fear mentality evident in the leaflet confirms our belief that many of those who oppose the School District bussing do so because they fear racial integration.

There are numerous deficiencies in the School District's Horseshoe bussing program, and by itself it falls far short of making public schools adequate to today's needs. Yet it has produced integration throughout the City's schools, and we think that is essential to quality education.

Underlying the opposition to bussing here we sense that deep racial fear and mistrust described as racism.

Hills and Dales

No response

Bill Dawson

Last month's POTRERO VIEW contained an ad asking Potrero Hill residents to participate in setting up a health clinic which would provide low cost medical care for all people.

The poor response to this ad made me wonder just what it would take to unify this area and bring people together in a worthwhile cause.

I have been fortunate in meeting a number of truly dedicated people in this neighborhood, but they -- as well as I -- are becoming disgusted with the apathy shown by the majority of residents.

If more people would give support to this worthwhile cause, many residents would benefit from a health clinic without a price tag beyond the pocketbook of the majority.

The health clinic's board of directors, to which I am proud to belong, is composed of civic leaders, an attorney, a medical doctor, and a photographer. They are all residents of this community, and work without any compensation, since they recognize the community's need for this type of facility.

The project needs housing, with space for a medical staff and examination rooms. More importantly, they need help from the neighborhood residents.

The people working with the project have been meeting every Thursday night at Olivet Church, 400 Missouri Street, and welcome any assistance from any individual or organization who would like to help get the project off the ground.

My question is: If this community fails to recognize something being done for its benefit, why should these good people waste their time?

Where are the organizations who profess to be helping this neighborhood, and when are they going to help us with this project?

Drug Clinic?
Mental Health Clinic?!

RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE JUST
DON'T NEED THOSE SORT
OF THINGS
AROUND..



Louis Dunn

Calendar of Hill Events

OCTOBER 1, Friday
Olivet Church dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 400 Missouri St.

OCTOBER 2, Saturday
The Brotherhood will hold a dinner at their office, 991 Wisconsin St., at 2 p.m. American and Spanish dishes will be sold for \$1. Call 285-9727 for more information.

OCTOBER 4, Monday
Community Action Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

OCTOBER 6, Wednesday
Police Relations Committee, 8 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 20th St.

OCTOBER 11, Monday
Citizens Improvement Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St.

OCTOBER 13, Wednesday
The BBC film on the earthquake danger in San Francisco, "The City That Waits to Die," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 20th St.

OCTOBER 15, Friday
Olivet Church dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., at

Parish picnic

St. Teresa's annual parish picnic will be Sunday, October 17, at Coyote Point, off Highway 101 in San Mateo. Bring your own lunch. Punch will be provided. Activities will include volley ball, baseball, bingo, community singing, races, breaking of a Pinata, full of "goodies" for the children.

Bus transportation will be provided. For more information call 647-2945.

the church, 400 Missouri St.

Neighborhood House Annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Potrero Guild. Food, plants, boutique items, attic treasures. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. Lunch served from noon on for \$1.50.

OCTOBER 17, Sunday
St. Stephens Baptist Church will hold their Annual Choir Day. For time please call Pastor John C. Bee, 822-2343.

OCTOBER 18, Monday
Community Action Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

OCTOBER 25, Monday
Citizen Improvement Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St.

The Boosters and Merchants Association meeting, 8 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 20th St.

OCTOBER 27, Wednesday
Residents and Homeowners Council meeting, 8 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

OCTOBER 29, Friday
Olivet Church dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 400 Missouri St.

Weekly

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Friday evening services at 6:30 p.m.
Potrero Hill Health Project meetings, Thursdays at 6 p.m.
Food Buying Club, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details call 863-5558.

BROTHERHOOD
The Brotherhood meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in their office, 991 Wisconsin St.

LIBRARY
Pre-School Story Hour, Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

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Potrero Hill Legal Defense is not part of the legal system. We are opposed to the legal system as it exists, because it is unjust and discriminatory. We are part of the people's struggle for real justice. This month we are going to explain just one of California's laws, to show how this unjust system works.

There is a law which gives tenants the right to withhold one month's rent and use it to make repairs on their apartment or building. This is one of the few laws which gives tenants any rights at all. It is a necessary law because there are a lot of broken-down houses which landlords won't fix.

Shortly after this law went into effect, a tenant named Schweiger tried to use this right to make repairs. The landlord didn't like that, and raised the rent fifty dollars per month. Schweiger refused to pay, and the landlord sued to evict him. The case was taken to the State Supreme Court, and the tenant won.

Basically what the court said was that a landlord cannot punish a tenant for exercising his legal rights.

If this were all there was to the story, you might think there was some justice for the people. But the men in power in this country have many ways of getting what they want. In this case, the lobby in Sacramento representing the real estate business interests eliminated what justice there was. They changed the law.

The real estate lobby keeps track of what happens in the courts and in the legislature. They were watching Schweiger's case, because they know if Schweiger won it would give tenants some power. Businessmen are dead set against anything that might limit their power to make money.

Soon after the State Supreme Court agreed to hear the case an amendment was passed by our so-called representatives. The amendment says that for 60 days landlords cannot evict tenants, if their purpose is to punish tenants for exercising their rights.

The real estate lobby called this amendment a progressive law. They claimed it limited the landlord's power to evict. But let's look at what really happened.

The original court decision implied that landlords could NEVER punish tenants for exercising their rights. The amendment says the landlord has to wait 60 days before he does it. By pretending they were doing something good, the real estate lobby took back the power the courts had granted tenants.

That's the way it is, and that's the way it will be, as long as the government is run by powerful businessmen to protect their profits-- instead of by the people to protect our rights to a decent place to live.

(Potrero Hill Legal Defense is taking a vacation. The office will be closed temporarily in the beginning of October.)

Staffs, facilities vary widely**Integrated schools open**

After a somewhat rocky start, the four elementary schools on the Hill report generally favorable conditions under the new court-ordered program of busing for desegregation.

For a first-hand report, the VIEW sent one of its staff members to talk with the principals, staff and parents of the schools: Daniel Webster, I.M. Scott, Patrick Henry and Starr King.

The most favorable reports came from Webster, Scott and Henry. King school staffers and parents alike recognize a number of serious problems still unsolved.

Ms. Yvette Kelley, principal at the Webster and Scott schools said "everything has been going beautifully." At Daniel Webster, which now has children in grades 4-6 only, (as does Starr King and Patrick Henry), the assigned enrollment is 575. As of Friday, Sept. 24, enrollment was up to 380 children.

The majority of children not attending are from Chinatown, as is the case in most schools, although, according to Mrs. Kelley, 30 more children from there did arrive the beginning of the second week and several more arrive daily.

Along with the two buses that arrive from Chinatown, three more come to Daniel Webster from the Mission and Noe Valley areas. The two buses leaving with the younger children aboard go to the Jean Parker school in Chinatown.

Out of a faculty of 19, 13 are at Daniel Webster for the first time. Ms. Kelley said, "We have a tremendous faculty. They have been most cooperative in every way." One teacher, a Hill resident new to Daniel Webster, said Mrs. Kelley is "really flexible.. she leaves it to the faculty to make the rules and regulations" and as a result encourages the kind of communication that makes for high morale.

One Hill resident parent said "Ms. Kelley is quite remarkable and wonderful." "Schools are like prisons," says another,

Parents' council announces elementary open houses

The Zone III Parent's Council will hold Open House nights for parents at the zone's primary and intermediate schools.

Primary schools, kindergarten through third grade, will be open Tuesday, October 5, at 7 p.m. Intermediate schools, grades four through six, will be open Wednesday, October 6, at 7 p.m.

Patrick Henry, Starr King and Daniel Webster are intermediate schools. I.M. Scott is primary.

Parents are urged to attend, meet with their children's teachers and become familiar with their schools.

The Parent's Councils were formed last August and have been meeting regularly since, serving as a liaison between local



David Edwards-Van Norden

Archways contain old rubber tires to break bricks fall.

FEATURE

"but Ms. Kelley does everything she can to make it a pleasant place for the children to be in. For instance, they don't have to line up anymore, but can walk into their rooms when the bell rings, talking to their friends."

The children themselves, according to Ms. Kelley, are doing wonderfully.

There are some problems. The school is probably one of the most depressing buildings in the city. It is red brick outside, with differing shades of brown and tan paint on the inside. The bottom floor looks like a janitor's closet and smells like one.

The school, declared an earthquake hazard and closed late last spring, it is now supposedly earthquake-proof. This has been accomplished by building wooden canopies out from the three main entrances in the schoolyards, and fencing off the portions in between, roughly half the upper play yard. Nobody is allowed to enter the building from either the Texas or Missouri Street sides. The canopies are intended to protect against falling bricks in the event of an earthquake.

According to Wilbert G. Vestnys, head of Buildings and Grounds for the San

Francisco schools, these canopies were designed by a team of engineers. They are built of two layers of 3/8" plywood with old rubber tires sandwiched in between. "These tires will absorb the shock," stated Vestnys.

When asked if the building is slated for demolition and rebuilding, Vestnys said "no."

Two small bungalows in the corner of the yard have been condemned and fenced off, however, and are scheduled to be torn down soon.

Not only is the "earthquake-proofing" offensive to the eye, it renders the upper yard useless for play.

To contend with this problem, Ms. Kelley has staggered the recess times and lunch hours. She plans to ask the residents on the Missouri Street side of the school for their help in closing off their street at certain hours of the day so that the youngsters would have more space.

She has also requested the help of interested parents in several areas: five people, one day a week for one hour, to staff the library during the lunch hours so that the yard won't be as crowded; to assist in an art program; and others to teach chess and checkers.

She would also like as many parents as possible to attend the upcoming Open House scheduled for Oct. 6 from 7-8:30 p.m.

I.M. Scott, located at 1060 Tennessee, also under the direction of Ms. Kelley, is a small primary school, housing children from kindergarten through third grade. "It has the feeling of an old country school house inside," says the principal. "I love it."

Enrollment is scheduled for 220, with 150 attending last week. Two buses arrive with children from Chinatown and the Mission, while three buses leave taking the children to Besse Carmichael School, south of Market, and to Alvarado School in lower Twin Peaks.

When the buses first started rolling, children from the Connecticut Street (Continued on page 7.)

Letters to the VIEW**Harassment**

Editor:

Our establishment, The Garden of Earthly Delights, is new to Potrero Hill and has been subject to police harassment due to what they consider our "undesirable character."

We applied for an entertainment license and on September 28 we were visited by Captain McFarland, who informed us that "these kind of people cause trouble," referring to some of our clientele. The license was denied.

I believe Captain McFarland made a personal and prejudiced decision, unfairly hampering our attempt to provide Potrero

Hill with a place with good food for a reasonable price.

It is our wish that the community come to The Garden of Earthly Delights - Mariposa and Mississippi Streets - and judge for themselves.

We hope you will back us in our efforts to open and run our business.

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CULTURE



Malcolm Gray stars in Beckett's "Krapp's Last Tape."

At the theatre

Weingold triumph

Winifred Mann

The Julian Theatre opened its seventh San Francisco season Thursday night at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House with a highly entertaining bill of three one-act plays.

Harold Pinter's haunting and disturbing "Landscape" is the opener, presented with obvious loving care by actors Brenda and Richard Reineccius and director Stephanie Smith. Together, they explore every nuance of poignancy in the failure of communication between people and the irretrievable loss of the past. If they overlooked some of the comic irony inherent in Pinter's work, they achieve nonetheless a very satisfying result.

A young actor playing an old man can be a very painful experience in the theater. And for any actor alone to hold the attention of the audience for 30 minutes or so is a considerable challenge. It is doubly gratifying to report the young Malcom Gray, ably abetted by the wisdom and restraint of director Edward Weingold, leaps agilely over both obstacles, drawing the spectator irresistibly into the very heart of Beckett's moving tragic-comedy.

The evening is delightfully topped off with another triumph for Edward Weingold, this time as playwright. This "world premiere" of his "When the Postman Came" proves to be a rollicking examination of the plight of three characters--two chicks and a stud--living in the imagination of a hack pornography novelist. One chick and the stud are perfectly content with their lives but the second lady is in rebellion against the banality of life provided her by their creator (whose presence is manifested only through the sporadic chattering of a typewriter). She longs for a "meaningful experience", constantly harking back to one she almost had with the postman in an earlier novel. Weingold is a genuine talent with a special gift for "black comic" dialogue. The theme of illusion vs. reality is hardly new, but seldom has it been treated with more originality and wit. If this is, as the program states, the playwright's ninth play, one hopes for an opportunity to catch up with the first eight.

The three plays--loosely bound together by the theme of man's eternal struggle to give meaning to his life--prove very compatible bedfellows. While we are left with no illusions about the resolution of that struggle, there is enough vitality and raucous exuberance in the proceedings at the Julian Theatre to make the absurdity of the human condition almost bearable!

(These performances will continue at the Julian Theatre, 953 DeHaro St., on consecutive week-ends through October. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.)

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Krapp's Last Tape

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When the Postman Came

October 1-2

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JULIAN THEATRE

953 DeHaro SF

3 one-acts

"Catonsville 9"

Hill actress Roberta Callahan will appear in Father Daniel Berrigan's play, "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine."

Based on a 1968 draft records burning case, the play opens on Oct. 6 at the New Committee Theatre, 836 Montgomery Street.

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Hill artists fare well at art fair

San Francisco's 25th Annual Art Festival, sponsored by the Art Commission, and held as usual in the city's Civic Center Plaza, ran for four days in late September.

Among the show's prize winners were Hill residents Charles Griffin Farr and Kenjilo Nanao, with Purchase Awards from Home Savings and Loan Association. Throughout the history of the festivals two Hill residents have been awarded winners of city Purchase Awards. They are Henri Marie-Rose (1959) and Kenjilo Nanao (1970).

Hill photographer Betty Berenson, an exhibitor, felt that "as far as the show goes it's very good, well attended, and has a pleasant atmosphere. What's bad about the event is that unaffiliated artists are not assigned to specific spaces (invited artists are assigned). As a result there is a helter-skelter squatters' 'first-come' situation, and craftsmen fight among themselves. That's bad."

Ann Bzik, Hill crafts artist also exhibiting at the Festival, said that after spending a full summer at various fairs and festivals, "I was pleasantly surprised to find people are looking at the displayed crafts on an art level, and seriously. It's very refreshing."

"I find something happening to art. We used to say that if people didn't have to worry about earning a living they could create, and now they are. People came by my booth and said they can do the same things I do, and I'm sure they can. So selling, for an artist, becomes a problem. Art shouldn't be a way of making a living but an expression of a human being," said Ms. Bzik.

Other Potrero Hill artists represented in the festival were Ken Byler, Frederick Comendant, Ruth Cravath, Roxanne Marden, Marvin Mund, Iris Sabre and Sachi Tsutsumi.



Calendar

PROJECT ARTAUD

Oct. 1: Mission Arts Festival (Mission Arts Alliance). 6 p.m. to midnight. Visual arts, etc. FREE.

Oct. 2: Mission Arts Festival. Noon to midnight. Crafts fair, San Francisco Mime Troupe. FREE.

Oct. 8: The San Francisco Mime Troupe in "The Dragon Lady's Revenge". Benefit for the Artaud. 8 p.m. Adm. \$1.50.

Oct. 9: Great Chicago Fire Centennial Rock Dance. Music by Nitro Express and The Workingman's Band. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission \$1.50.

Oct. 22: Russian poet Andrei Voznesenski. Fer-



The Great American Bird

"'The Great American Bird' put itself together," says Hill photographer Musia Stagg. "Seeing those turkey bones lying around, like some ancient cat skull, I just had to take the picture."

The impact of this picture conveys Musia's awareness of the mood and spirit of what she sees through her lens.

Musia specializes in color photography, and likes doing scenics. She says, "Taking pictures is like having a time machine-you see something you like and you can have it forever."

Free Theatre's "Bacchae" suffers from over exposure

The Free Theatre's "Bacchae", the current long-run "rock ritual" at Project Artaud is really as erratic as it purports to be erotic. I wonder if Euripides knew what he was in for, 2500 years ago.

Of course a playwright who has been dead that long can't hope to have a great deal of control over modern productions. But still, the most successful adaptations of Greek tragedies in recent years have enlisted more of the audience's pathos, and empathy. This is what the ancient tragedians had in mind: an evening of theatre was a source of tremendous emotional release and purgation for everyone who attended.

Here is the "Bacchae's" rather minimal plot: A mysterious stranger arrives in Thebes and proceeds to drive mad all the women in the city, including the queen, mother of young Pentheus, the king. The women follow him to

the hills, where the stranger pronounces them "free", although they are compelled to do his bidding. Hearing of the ecstatic orgies of the women's new life, Pentheus is "enraged" (however, if we are to believe this production, read "jealous") and sets out to do in this most threatening Pied Piper.

Now the present production and the ancient scenario diverge significantly. Traditionally, the stranger, the god Dionysus (had you guessed?) persuades Pentheus to dress as a woman, and observe the Bacchic rites from "the seclusion of a tree." As the Free Theatre would have it, Dionysus strips the king naked and invites him to join in the fun, a lengthy simulated-orgy by the light of the flickering strobe. Everyone seems to enjoy it all for a time, until Pentheus is outnumbered and ultimately killed.

According to Euripides, the women discover the king in his tree and, in their madness, take him for a lion. When they have killed him, it is his own mother who holds up his head in triumph.

Towards dawn, Dionysus reappears to show her the reality of what she has done. As she grieves, he transforms her and her family and followers into serpents, as punishment for their tragic crime.

It's basically strong stuff, even two and a half millennia later. If any facet of the Free Theatre's production has the capacity to convey that strength, it may be the music. The band was sporadically interesting, certainly loud, and a couple of the vocal numbers were good enough. However, there were times when the music and the action were both at ebb as far as interest is concerned, and these were the

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YOUTH

Music for Youth studio receives city, private help

Representatives of the League of Musician's Wives have committed their group to provide some funds and general help in readying the music workshop to open at the Neighborhood House.

"Our group is dedicated to the purposes of promotion of live music, scholarships and the welfare of musicians' families," said Diane Ray, League president, after a recent tour. "We are particularly impressed by the hard work and dedication that Jim Potts and the fellows have put into their project. We are enthusiastic about trying to help them get started."

Ms. Ray, herself a musician, explained that the club, formed 10 years ago, raises money at food booths maintained at musical functions such as the Monterey Jazz Festival. "Although we don't make much, what money we do make at those booths goes towards helping groups such as this one," she said.

The Music For Youth Workshop, a non-profit organization, has received \$650 from the city's hotel tax and \$200 from the Potrero Hill Youth Council. Most of the monies have been spent on construction of the Workshop's rooms. More funds are needed for

instruments, staff salary, rehearsal space and promotion.

When open, the Workshop will be run on a quarterly basis. There will be no age limit on students for any class.

Registration is now open. Call 826-8080 for further information.

Childrens' art

An exhibit of works from the Children's Summer Art Program is currently at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 20th St., through Oct. 16.

With the assistance of a grant from the International Child Art Center, the Children's Summer Art Program at the Neighborhood House was able to provide teachers, activities and supplies to Potrero Hill children between the ages of three and 12.

The teaching staff of Hill parents and residents Suzanne Glazier, Ursula Schneider and Hazel Eliot encouraged the youngsters to create works of art through painting, ceramics, wood sculpture, tie-dye, weaving, jewelry, leather work and mosaics.



Summer mosaics

Participants in Suzanne Glazier's summer art class produced these mosaics now adorning the east wall of the Neighborhood House. Three more are planned.

certainly remorseless at the end.

There are a few more dangling questions. Performances such as this inevitably leave one wondering about the premeditation of producers and directors: how much was planned, what evolved through consecutive performances of the same play, how much was determined by resour-

Athletics program cut back

Potrero Hill Junior High School opened this fall with athletics limited to an intramural program.

For the first time in the history of San Francisco schools there will be no junior high interscholastic athletics this coming school year.

The \$100,000 for the program was a victim of this year's school budget squeeze, and according to Elwood "China" Lang, director of athletics and recreation for the school district, there is virtually no chance of the funds being restored.

In the past those funds have covered the cost of coaches, equipment and other necessary expenditures for interscholastic athletics.

Competition in four sports, baseball, basketball, soccer and track involved 2,800 junior high students last year.

"I think it's a big mistake on the part of the Board. It has been shown that these kinds of activities help keep many youngsters interested in school and even contribute to better scholastic performance," Lang said.

"We'll keep working on getting funds," Lang added.

SPORT

Congratulations Giants!



League commissioner Jon Greenberg gives first place trophy to Rudy Juarez, captain of the champion Braves.

Braves beat Cardinals for Twilight Softball title

Over 100 fans packed Jackson Playground to watch the Braves win a 10-6 decision over the Cardinals for the championship of the Twilight Softball League.

The Braves, led by Jack Pacheco's three hits, with outstanding defensive play from Roy and Joe Serna, took the League championship after compiling an outstanding 12-0-2 record during regular season play.

League Commissioner Jon Greenberg was pleased with the quality of play this year and hopes the League can be expanded to 10 teams next season.

Greenberg singled out League umpire Vince Bignon for praise for his outstanding contribution to the League's success.

The awards night banquet saw first and second place trophies go to the Braves and Cardinals, and Greenberg announced this year's all-star team. Two outstanding players from each team are as follows: Cattleman Club: Tim Callen and Rich Heintz. E & S: Ernie Cordova, Jr. and Ernie Cordova, Sr. Aero Delivery: Larry San Jose and Pete Velles. Cardinals: Gene Townsley and Joe Monterasso. Chips-Mayflower: Luigi Cassinelli and Mike Esigen. Phizer: John Serna and Dan Taylor. MCO: Joe Romero and Avelino Figuerda.

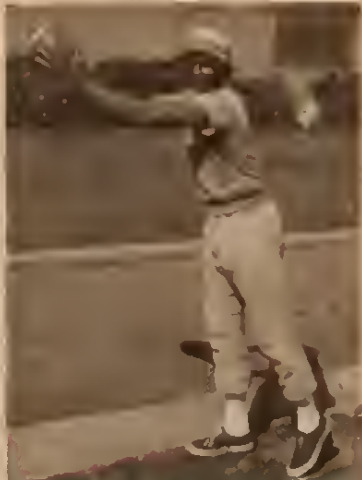
The All-stars won the contest with the champion Braves the following Monday by a 7 to 6 margin.

Sports shorts

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Willie Dickens - Defensive Safety for the San Francisco City College Rams.

Willie has been an outstanding athlete at the Recreation Center in football, baseball and basketball during the last six years. This past summer he worked at the Recreation Center, sharing his sports knowledge and talent with Potrero Hill Youngsters.



Willie Dickens

JUNIOR CHAMPS

The Junior baseball team at the Potrero Hill Recreation Center won their division title in the Park and Recreation Summer League. Congratulations to team members Ron and Pat Talmadge, Tony Gullory, Mike Brown, Mark Kellum, Calvin Daves, Wallie Tally, Mike Susdev and Howard Milligan.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Sign-ups are now underway for a six-man touch football league to start October 1 for 10 to 15 year olds. See Jon or Jesse at the Recreation Center, 22nd and Arkansas Streets, for information.

HUNCH LEAGUE

Frank Byndloss' team currently holds first place in the Recreation Center's three-man Hunch League for 16 year olds and over. First place in the 15 year olds and under league is shared between teams led by Larry Beans, Ron James and Danny Lockett.

Uneven cast foils ancient Greek drama

(Continued from page 4.) slowest places.

But it is the unevenness of the casting that most seriously foils the ancient purpose of the drama. In order for the pathos to take hold, the queen, Agave, must be as compelling a character as Dionysus himself. Her grief after murdering her son must be the most believable portrayal in the tragedy. And Mari-lee Fenger, although she has a good clear voice, simply did not communicate the tragic despair. At the end, Dionysus is the victor, and none of the other characters mattered anyway.

Ed Blair's Dionysus was attractive and powerful, but far too powerful - overwhelming, in fact - in the light of the rest of the performance. His rather epileptic style of mirth was not pleasing, and raised, briefly, an interesting question: Was Dionysus himself out of control with his own inflicting madness? The question was raised, then forgotten. He was

ces available or unavailable?

Why did the Free Theatre choose this particular vehicle? Aspects of the over-long bacchanal lead one to the perfidious suspicion that someone saw an unarguable opportunity for prolonged nudity in Euripides' noble tragedy. Although I must say that mass nudity-in-the-round, in a small area where the audience sits on the floor and on cushions around the periphery, is pretty exciting. There is always the possibility that one of these flashing, gyrating bodies will trip on someone's unwary foot and come crashing into your lap. And what do you say to a naked bacchant? Janet Cox

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SURVIVAL

The VIEW has decided to call what has been known as "Women," SURVIVAL, for the simple reason that we are not reporting news of the "haute couture" or giving medical answers to readers' questions about "female problems." The information on this page should be of interest to everyone and certainly not restricted to the fair sex - oops - female members of the human race, that is.

As one member of the staff so succinctly put it, "There are two halves to life, Culture and Survival. And Sports."

Speaking of survival, THE POTRERO VIEW needs your support. Please subscribe! Or make a donation! Or write something for the paper! Or come help type! Send sandwiches! Let us hear from you!

Child care

No strings attached

Jennifer Stamm

As recently as 1969, there were four million working women in the U.S. with children under the age of six years out of a total of 30 million working women. There were enough day care facilities to take care of 500,000 children.

Compared to other western industrialized countries, the U.S. is backward in the field of day care. This fact is well known in our community and felt personally by Potrero Hill mothers.

Historically, full day care programs, as contrasted to half-day nursery schools, have been provided only in times of economic stress, such as war or depression. The School District's day care center on Potrero Hill is a descendent of just such a program, opened in 1943 during World War II.

These programs were created primarily to serve the businesses which needed woman-power, not as an educational and social opportunity for children.

Now the state and national government interest is on developing day care facilities for welfare mothers. The main reason for this is to lower welfare costs by channeling welfare recipients into suitable occupations for the job market.

The official drive for day care in this country has always been motivated by the needs of the economy rather than by a concern for the welfare of either women or children. Day care programs have failed to develop other — because the traditional idea that young children and their mothers belong in the home still predominates in our society.

It's no wonder women with children feel trapped. Raising children and putting up with the frustrations of monotonous, boring, repetitive housework is a fulltime job. Day care does not free women from their labor at home. It simply allows them to do wage labor outside.

Women forced to work to support their families still have to depend on the welfare system for childcare. Then they are trapped into menial and meaningless jobs, for if their earnings rise above the "poverty guidelines" set up by the state and federal governments, their children cease to be eligible for day care centers.

Alternatives to day care such as cooperative nursery schools or other part-day programs, private babysitters or babysitting cooperatives are no real solution for mothers who must work or women who want time to explore and develop their own interests outside the home.

Children suffer because of the frustrations of mothers who feel trapped, and suffer from their isolation at home. Those children who do attend day care centers often suffer from crowded conditions, overworked staff, and programs which are little more than glorified babysitting.

Women have been crying out our desperate need for day care facilities, but we must begin to recognize the realities of our situation.

Taking note of who controls day care programs and their motives, women must demand day care that serves our needs rather than sacrifices the needs of the family to the demands of the economy.

We need day care with no strings attached, so that we may work or otherwise develop our full potential as human beings. We need day care programs which develop curriculum and activities in terms of the children's needs and interests, rather than exclusive concern for the efficient operation of institutions.

Family clinic aims for personalized treatment

"We deal with people rather than symptoms," says Joanne Donsky, coordinator of the family clinic program at San Francisco General Hospital, where there is a new interest in the old concept of the family doctor.

The family clinic is located on the second floor of the outpatient building. In order to be more accessible to families, the clinic meets on Tuesday evenings

from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Families may drop by on the night the clinic meets, or may phone ahead for an appointment at 648-4323.

When a family registers for the clinic, they are assigned to a clinic team composed of a pediatrician, an internist, a medical student, a nurse and a social worker. The same team follows each family for at least one year. This gives (Continued on page 7.)



David Edwards-Van Norden

Nelly Saunders prepares for a hectic Saturday at the Mothers' Food Club.

Food co-op underway

The Hill, at last, has its own food-buying club. Operating out of Olivet Church on Saturday mornings, the Mothers' Food Buying Club is sure to be many families' answer to a problem that will never go away: How to buy better quality food for less money, on a regular basis. And for people without transportation the club solves yet another problem: How to get quantities (always cheaper) of bulky staples home or nearly home.

The club is brand new. September 18 was its first Saturday in business, and a week later there were already 22 families subscribing. Enola Maxwell, Bonny Kelly and Nelly Saunders have done a lot of the initial organizing, shopping and bookkeeping, and their work is most rewarding in terms of the club members' satisfaction.

Last week they offered chickens, slab bacon, salt pork, corned beef, prawns, red snapper, perch and shark

at prices far below those you would pay in a store. When you buy these items from the club you know they are not only cheaper, but better and fresher, because they came right from the distributor or fish supplier to you and were chosen by individuals who know how to shop. The same is true of fresh fruits and vegetables - coming straight from the farmers - and cheeses and dry goods, such as corn meal, rice and grains. All the Mothers' Food Buying Club asks is your participation, plus \$5 for their "front-money fund" IF YOU HAVE IT, and nothing if you don't.

They also need manpower - to help package and weigh food on Saturday morning, and to drive to various pickup places Friday and Saturday. Right now they can also use sharp knives and scales. If you can help or are interested, call the church or the Little Red Door at 863-5558.

Outlook bleak

Little child care for Hill families

With a population of hundreds of children, Potrero Hill childcare facilities have room for fewer than 200 children. There is only one full day care program, holding from 60-65 children.

The full day care center, run by the Unified School District, and the part day childcare centers are limited to families who fit into state and federal "poverty guidelines."

These programs are packed to capacity and can't meet the needs of all the families who fit into their requirements. No programs exist for people of middle income.

Despite much talk from the Economic Opportunity Council and various community organizations, the hope for more adequate childcare facilities on the Hill looks very dim.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare, through state welfare departments, provides \$3 for every \$1 "matching money" for people trying to organize day care centers. But these days, fund raising is more frustrating than ever, and even coming up with 25% of needed funds is difficult, if not impossible.

Following is an outline of the programs that do

exist for Potrero Hill families:

The San Francisco Unified School District Nursery and School Age Children's Center is located at Potrero Terrace, 1101 Connecticut St. Eligibility is based on state requirements: A sole supporting parent, or one who is attending school, with one child may earn \$510 net monthly income. \$84 is added for each additional minor child.

A two-parent family with one child may earn \$695 total net monthly income. \$84 may be added for each additional minor child.

Exceptions to the income

eligibility requirements are sole parents' teachers in public schools; registered nurses; veterans attending school; crop processors and harvesters; parent or parents attending school or receiving instruction under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Program or under the Manpower Development and Training Act, or other such programs for families qualifying for Aid to Families with Dependent Children; or that one parent in a two-parent family is attending school and the other parent is employed.

Children of eligible fam-

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Do you need connections?

Connections is an organization which helps families of prisoners. The primary service is carpools to prisons on visiting days, and some emergency food and housing is available.

Following is the carpool schedule:
Thursday- Vacaville-8:30 a.m. San Quentin- 9:30 a.m. San Quentin- 9:30 a.m.
Friday- Soledad- 7:30 a.m. Saturday- Soledad-9:30 a.m. San Quentin-9:30 a.m. Folsom- every other week, Jamestown- 9:30

a.m. San Bruno-11 a.m.

Once a month there are trips to San Luis Obispo, Susanville and the Correctional Institute for Women.

If you need a ride, call Connections on Mondays at 863-1604. All rides leave from the Connections office at 3189- 16th St. A babysitting co-op is being organized.

Connections needs volunteer drivers for its VW bus. Rides are free, but donations are needed for Connections to continue its services.

Only one full day care center available on Hill

(Continued from page 6) ilies may attend from the age of two through the elementary years. The younger children remain in the nursery center during the mother's working day. The school age children attend the center before and after their regular classes, and all day on holidays and during school vacations.

Parents may register their children at 1101 Connecticut St. or call 824-0868 for information.

Parents pay approximately one-fourth of the cost of operation in fees based on total net income, size of family and hours of service needed.

A well-balanced breakfast is provided for the

Family care promoted at General

(Continued from page 6.) both the doctor and the family a chance to build a personal relationship. In some cases, a team member can even make a house call.

If specialized medical services are required, a consultant can be called to the family clinic, or an appointment made in a specialty clinic.

The family clinic team is always there to coordinate cure; and the family doctor is available to talk with and give support to his patient.

The clinic was started one year ago by Drs. Dell Pascoe, Dorothy Waddell, and Jon Glazier because of their interest in a more personalized way of delivering medical care to families, and emphasizing the importance of family health.

The founders of the project wanted to create an atmosphere of confidence where parents and children could be seen in the same clinic.

This way the doctor would have the opportunity to get to know his patient as another human being who lives in a family and works in a community.

Ms. Donsky stressed the importance of this perspective, if doctors are ever going to be able to recapture the humanistic manner of the old family physician.

"You cannot really practice good medicine," she

children at a slight additional cost when the working hours of the parents make this necessary. Hot noon meals and an afternoon snack are served.

The Family School at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. is a program for children whose mothers are attending school or a training program and receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children. It is a half-day program, with two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each session holds 30 children.

Children must be referred by the Department of Social Services and the program is already full for this Fall.

Head Start has two classes on Potrero Hill. One is combined with the Family School at the Neighborhood House, and the other meets at Olivet Church, 400 Missouri St. The classes will hold from 15 to 17 children each.

Eligibility is determined by federal guidelines: A family of four must earn under \$3800 a year. The program is open to children from 3 years 7 months to 5 years old.

Classes will open September 13. Parents may register their children at the EOC offices in the Mission, 828 Valencia St. or downtown at 730 Polk St. Room 311.

At the Potrero Hill Recreation Center, 22nd and Arkansas Streets, there is a weekly Tiny Tots Program for children 3 to 5 years old. The group meets Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. It is a co-op and mothers sign up to help supervise the children. Activities include games, story-telling, and arts and crafts.

Children are required to have a TB skin test and mothers must have a chest X-ray.

In the past there have been efforts on the Hill to organize childcare services at the grass-roots level, such as the Hilltop Co-op Nursery and the Olivet Play Group, but none of these have survived. said, "If you are unable to understand a person's total life situation, as many problems are actually caused by the tensions of daily living."

At the present time, there are approximately 120 families enrolled in the clinic. There is still room for many new families, especially from the Potrero Hill community.

"Since the purpose of the clinic is to serve families," says Joanne Donsky, "we would like to be able to accommodate more people from Potrero Hill because we are so close to the community." Call for an appointment or drop by any Tuesday evening.

Tension pervades Starr-King

(Continued from page 3.) housing site were scheduled to board their bus at I.M. Scott. This would have involved long walks for these children, either over the freeway or through the heavy factory area on 22nd Street. Parents, with the help of Mr. Saunders LeBlanc of the Potrero Hill Development Corp., circulated petitions and managed to get the bus loading area changed to the housing site. The children now board their busses at Watchman Way and Missouri.

Ms. Kelley says an active parent group is yet to be formed at I.M. Scott, and has asked for help from anyone interested. I.M. Scott will hold its Open House Oct. 5 from 7-8:30.

The situation at Starr King School, located on Wisconsin and 25th Street, has a more complicated atmosphere. The school is the largest on the Hill, enrolling up to 758 children. As of last week, attendance figures were up to 425. Boycotters are from Chinatown and Alvarado School.

CHANGES COME SLOWLY

Busses come to Starr King from Alvarado School, from Chinatown and from the Mission. Lower Potrero Hill children living on Rhode Island, Vermont, and San Bruno who attended the Buena Vista School last year, walk up the 23rd Street hill.

Busses leaving Starr King send K-3 children to Commodore Stockton School in Chinatown, Bryant School on 22nd and Bryant Sts., and some older children to Patrick Henry.

There is a large staff at the school including 22 regular teachers, three full-time specialists in art, language arts, and physical education, a full-time learning counsellor, a learning disability teacher, part-time specialists in music and science, and a compensatory teacher who works with children having problems in reading and math.

Last year, Starr King was practically an all-black school and will consequently undergo more change than other schools on the Hill. From talking with the principal, some staff and parents, it looks as if these changes will come slowly and with some



Starr-King looms like a prison above old housing site.

difficulty.

Speaking about the parents who have volunteered their help already, Ms. Gloria Strauss, principal, states that "there will be stumbling stones along the way, misunderstandings that will have to be straightened out." But, most importantly, she feels, there will have to be "attitudinal changes."

To accomplish these changes, she is using all parents, teachers, and staff to participate in their ongoing Human Relations course, started by the Board of Education several years ago. The first meeting will be Oct. 7 from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room.

One of the "stumbling stones" is that many parents feel the meetings should be held in the evening so that more parents may participate.

The yard situation at noon time is another stumbling area, according to parents. There is no staggered lunch schedule at Starr King, and as a result all 425 children are in the yard at the same time. When this reporter visited the school, it was lunchtime, and the yard was crowded with all the children trying to play. The odds were clearly against the kids. Add to this the lack of play equipment, and you have problems.

MOTHER BUYS GAMES

One mother whose child is new to the school purchased balls, jump ropes, hoola hoops and quiet games (chess, checkers, etc.) for the children. "I want this integration very badly for my kid," she said, "but I can't stand by doing nothing, seeing them get off on the wrong foot because there's nothing for them to play with."

The internal situation at the school is hard to assess. There is no assistant principal at the mo-

ment. As a result, Ms. Strauss has extra duties.

While this reporter was talking to her, there was a steady stream of children either sent down to the principal's office for "disruptive" behavior in the classroom, or because they got in trouble at lunch time. The principal's office became, therefore, not a place for help and support, but the place to be feared.

Feelings of tension pervade the school. It is present in no other school on the Hill, and it is this that also upsets the incoming parents.

STAFF UPTIGHT

The staff members do not wish to speak openly about how they feel because they do not know if they'll still be at the school in several weeks because of the unstable enrollment, which may lead to the elimination of several positions. Some parents have said that some of the teachers resent the presence of the concerned parents.

In contrast is Patrick Henry, located at Vermont and 18th Streets. This reporter saw children talking freely with each other in the halls, some children doing woodworking projects in the halls, adults talking, smiling, and some even singing. The office was not filled with children in there to be criticized, teachers and staff names were posted for all to see and learn, and a Patrick Henry School Record from previous years was posted giving the children's names and the scores they made in such feats as hi-jumping, soccer ball kick, 50-yard dash, etc., and the principal, Ms. Betty Fay, was accessible and friendly to everyone around her.

BUS DIDN'T SHOW

"Everything's going fine," she said. "Except for today." Ms. Fay was referring to the bus coming from Chinatown which was an hour overdue. It later turned out that the bus never got to Chinatown at all, and the children waiting there were sent home. "That's the first trouble we've had with the buses since the first day of school."

Other busses coming to Patrick Henry load their children at Buena Vista School (lower Potrero), Starr King, Bryant School and Marshall School.

Two busses leave Patrick Henry with the K-3 children aboard to go to the Spring Valley School in Chinatown.

When asked about boy-

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Starr-King students playing with puzzles parents bought to ease yard situation at lunch time.

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Bayside access ordered

(Continued from page 1.) ing any work on the Pier 94 docking facilities.

Completion of the public facilities is required within 18 months of the BCDC's approval of the Port's plans for those areas.

John Coney, member of the Waterfront Committee of the Residents Council expressed pleasure with the BCDC action. "This means we're sure to get some development for public recreation along with every maritime improvement," he said.

The Port is seeking voter approval of a \$34 million bond issue for construction of Pier 94, Proposition B, in November's municipal election.

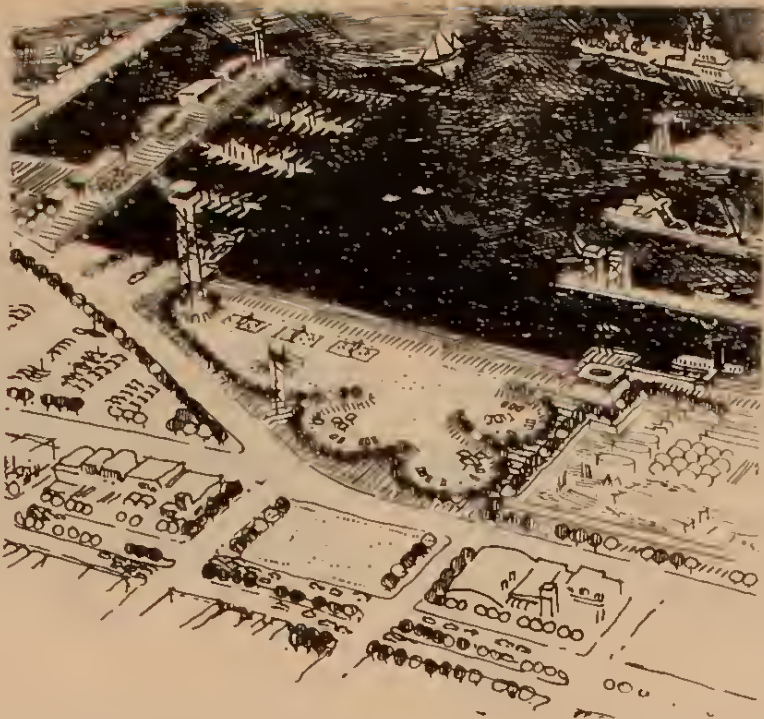
Citizen's groups, including the Potrero Hill Residents and Homeowner's Council and the city-wide Citizens Waterfront Committee had sought to have included in the bond issue \$6 million for development of public recreational facilities along the entire San Francisco waterfront from Fort Mason to Candlestick Park.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, bowing to Port pleas and cognizant of a tight-fisted electorate, rejected the \$6 million addition.

The Port Commission has been meeting with representatives of groups seeking recreational development, seeking their support for the bond issue and assuring them of the Port's intention of providing access to the Bay.

The BCDC, which must approve any waterfront developments along San Francisco Bay, is now requiring public access to the shoreline be provided by developers, whether public or private.

The Citizens Waterfront



Citizens Waterfront Committee idea for Central Basin.

Bussed schools three weeks along

(Continued from page 7.) coting Hill parents, Ms. Fay said "They're the friendliest pickets I've ever seen. They were at the school last Monday, but that's the only day we've seen them."

The total enrollment at Patrick Henry is scheduled at 525 children, but the attendance stood at 370 as of last Friday. 25 Chinese students came at the beginning of the week, and more come daily.

"We have a young, enthusiastic faculty," says Ms. Fay, "all of whom are

Committee in its report, "What to do About the Waterfront," called for extensive development at Central Basin, between 16th and 18th Streets.

Citing the area's excellent weather and exciting views of the Bethlehem dry docks, the report called for a large grass-area, boat ramp and the alteration of Pier 64 to house local boat clubs and pleasure craft.

At present there is a small snack-bar, several boat clubs and private boat launching facilities crowded in among junk-yards and water based industries in the area proposed for development.

"Freedom" school for Potrero Hill youngsters

(Continued from page 1.) character of the City.

Ms. Dorsey, whose children are enrolled in the school, was firm in her determination to keep the school going and to keep her children out of the public schools, despite the smooth operation of the bussing.

In a leaflet distributed throughout the community school organizers reiterated their feelings about school bussing.

Citing a story in the daily

trying to individualize their styles of teaching." She pointed out that there are three teachers who have non-graded classes each containing 4, 5, and 6th grade children, who all work at their own levels. Working with the regular 17 faculty members are Teacher Corps people and six student teachers from San Francisco State College. The physical education instructor, Dale Shane, has made arrangements with the Potrero Hill Junior High School to use its gymnasium for tumbling and gymnastics.

There is no formal lining up. "Of course, we don't encourage extremes of behavior," says Ms. Fay, "but I see no reason why a child can't talk to his neighbor and ask him what he has in his lunch bag that day." To help the noon-time situation, Ms. Fay has the children on staggered lunch schedules.

A parents meeting has already been held. A transportation committee was formed to work out problems parents might have in relation to the bus monitors and schedules and all parents are urged to attend the Open House on Oct. 6 at Patrick Henry from 7-8:30 p. m.

press about a tri-county bussing plan, the leaflet asks, "What will be the next step?" and raises the specter of dictatorship.

The leaflet continues, "Maybe we'll eventually have our children home on weekends only, ... and finally they may be taken from us in the hospital delivery room and put in community centers so we can be put into work camps."

Attendance at the school has ranged from 50 to 60 students, all former Patrick Henry students, whose parents have refused to bus them to integrated schools in the Mission and Chinatown.

The school needs donations of money and supplies from the community. Especially needed are blackboards, construction paper, wall maps, blunt scissors, and crayons.

Candidates stumping at council meeting

(Continued from page 1.) earlier said that the Food Supplement Program was being handled by the Mayor's office.) He later admitted that he knew nothing about the program since "no one had brought it to his attention." He promised to go to the EOC about releasing funds for the three month stagnant program the following morning.

Alioto spoke at some length about his appointment of several minority group members to city governing boards and agencies, and his plan to appoint more, including a Chinese member to the Board of Supervisors "if I get the chance." He said that "all of the ethnic groups in San Francisco have a right to a piece of the governmental action." He added that giving minority persons extensive experience in city government is the best way to train them for civic leadership.

In answer to a question about bussing, the Mayor named several alternatives that "the media has been too busy" to explain. These include leaving presently integrated schools

(he named several) as they are, redistricting in borderline neighborhoods, and the implementation of "voluntary" as opposed to forced bussing. He did not explain what would happen if no one "volunteered", and only glossed over the fact that some of the most vocal, resistant, currently segregated populations would still have to be bused under such a system.

Neighborhood House activities continuing

(Continued from page 1.) clubs and crafts once they come."

The gym is currently open for afternoon and evening recreation.

Also, coming up! Clarence Lee's karate class will resume the first week in October with classes two nights per week.

The Music for Youth program, which is constructing the Music Workshop in the old basement woodshop is now taking sign-ups for music lessons.

On October 15 the Potrero Guild, a Presbyterian woman's organization, will hold its annual fall luncheon and bazaar. Money raised from the sale of donated household goods will go to the Neighborhood House.

According to Paul Suer-rill, board president, no executive director will be hired until the beginning of 1972. During the coming three months the board expects to raise enough money to continue on a largely volunteer basis.

more than the property tax reduction.

Pollution free sewage, even with the charge, will be a long time coming. None of the \$65 million worth of bonds approved in the November 1970 general election have been sold

Sewer charge obstructed

(Continued from page 1.) But when the ruling was made, it became clear that the revenue from the charge, estimated at \$13 million per year, was going to be sorely missed in other parts of the city budget.

The lowering of property taxes simultaneously with the passing of the sewer charge created the problem. The Board of Supervisors expected that the extra money needed could be obtained from the sewer charge, thereby allowing a reduction in property taxes. This might attract votes of homeowners to incumbent Supervisors.

The ruling on the sewer charge is only a temporary reprieve. When the wage-price freeze ends on November 15, the charge will appear on San Francisco water bills. Water rates will increase approximately 75%. For the average homeowner, this will be

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